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consisting of carrageenan, chondroitin sulfate, dextran sulfate, alginic acid, gerun gum, xanthan gum and salts thereof and the filler is other than wax.

D² 8. (Amended) A method for preventing an unpleasant taste which comprises the step of blending an anionic polymer with a basic medicine having an unpleasant taste and a filler.

D³ 22. (Amended) An oral medicine preventing an unpleasant taste which comprises a basic medicine having an unpleasant taste, a filler and an anionic polymer,

wherein said anionic polymer is at least one selected from the group consisting of carrageenan, chondroitin sulfate, dextran sulfate, alginic acid, gerun gum, xanthan gum and salts thereof;

said anionic polymer is in an amount of 0.1 to 20 parts by weight with respect to 1 part by weight of the basic substance having the unpleasant taste; and

said filler is other than wax.

D⁴ 25. (Amended) A method for preventing an unpleasant taste which comprises the step of blending an anionic polymer with a basic medicine having an unpleasant taste and a filler,

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wherein said anionic polymer is at least one selected from the group consisting of carrageenan, chondroitin sulfate, dextran sulfate, alginic acid, gerun gum, xanthan gum and salts thereof;

said anionic polymer is in an amount of 0.1 to 20 parts by weight with respect to 1 part by weight of the basic substance having the unpleasant taste; and

said filler is other than wax.

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Please add the following claims:

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28. (New) An oral medicine preventing an unpleasant taste which comprises a basic medicine having an unpleasant taste, a filler other than wax, and an anionic polymer,

wherein said anionic polymer is at least one selected from the group consisting of chondroitin sulfate, dextran sulfate, alginic acid, gerun gum, xanthan gum and salts thereof, and

said anionic polymer is in an amount of 0.1 to 20 parts by weight with respect to 1 part by weight of the basic substance having an unpleasant taste.

29. (New) An oral medicinal preparation consisting essentially of a basic medicine having an unpleasant taste, a filler and an anionic polymer,

wherein said anionic polymer is at least one selected from the group consisting of chondroitin sulfate, dextran sulfate, alginic acid, gerun gum, xanthan gum and salts thereof, and

said anionic polymer is in an amount of 0.1 to 20 parts by weight with respect to 1 part by weight of the basic substance having the unpleasant taste.

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30. (New) An oral medicinal preparation consisting of a basic medicine having an unpleasant taste, a filler and an anionic polymer,

wherein said anionic polymer is at least one selected from the group consisting of chondroitin sulfate, dextran sulfate, alginic acid, gerun gum, xanthan gum and salts thereof, and

said anionic polymer is in an amount of 0.1 to 20 parts by weight with respect to 1 part by weight of the basic substance having the unpleasant taste.

31. (New) The oral composition of Claim 1, wherein said filler is other than wax.

32. (New) The method of claim 8, wherein said filler is other than wax.